

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010***

Present: Selectmen Rosanne Gilbert and Michael Woodworth. Wes Moore was unable to attend. Others present included: Tim Riel, Brian Knipstein, Jeff Buxton, and Don Doane.

Call to order: 5:58pm by Rosanne Gilbert

The following items were signed:

- Checks
- Letter to the New Hampshire Retirement System
- Appointment to Planning Board

Tim Riel completed his research on off-site backups for the Town Office computers. He tested numerous sites for the past two months and suggests the Town use I Drive. The yearly cost is \$199.95 for 50 gigs. Michael made a motion to use I Drive for off-site backup of the Town Office computers. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. The Board thanked Tim for his research.

Brian Knipstein brought photographs of the damage to Bald Hill Road and Old Lee Road from the recent windstorm. A loader was used to push downed trees out of the roadway and a temporary patch was made to the culvert that washed out on Bald Hill Road. A permanent repair will be needed and Brian is hoping to use a concrete culvert instead of a metal one to prevent damage in the future.

Downed tree limbs in the town's right of way will be picked up by the road agent, but yards will not be cleaned up by the town. A barricade was placed in front of the old post office building as the utility pole was broken and wires were hanging low. The barricade was removed by an unknown person and the wires were taken down by a passing vehicle. The Selectmen was to remind everyone that barricades put up by the Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Departments are not to be taken down by individuals. The barricades are put up for a reason that may or may not be ready visible.

Brian will look into a report from a resident of Deertrees of damage from plowing. Residents are reminded that the Town has a twelve foot right-of-way from the edge of the pavement.

Jeff Buxton advised that the Newfields Fire Department did mutual aid at the seven alarm fire in Hampton. Forty fire departments responded to the call for mutual aid and all departments worked well together.

Don Doane would like to purchase protection from Citizens Bank (at a cost of \$25.00 per account) to protect the Town's bank accounts from unauthorized withdrawals. The Selectmen gave Don their approval for this.

Don asked that the Town Office use voice mail instead of the answering machine. Nancy was asked to look into the cost for the service.

Correspondence from the New Hampshire Department of Safety was reviewed. Copies will be forwarded to the Fire Chief and Police Chief.

Michael made a motion to adjourn at 6:57pm. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant